

REMARKS

The present invention is a method of handling reminders in a hand portable communication terminal and a hand portable communication terminal. In accordance with an embodiment of the invention, a method of handling reminders, as illustrated in Fig. 9, in a hand portable communication terminal 1 wherein a reminder is an electronic message which includes a reminder time and date and a reminder text which reminds a user of the terminal that an action should be taken as indicated in the text and which causes the terminal to generate an alarm alerting a user of the terminal that an action should be taken when the time and date is reached includes manually entering characters into a text editor 27 for providing the reminder text; entering time information into a time entry for setting the reminder time; providing time clock information from a clock application 21; comparing the time information with the real time clock information; alerting a user of the alarm when the real time clock has reached the reminder time as described on page 5, lines 28-33, through page 6, lines 1-8, of the specification; and transmitting a reminder to a remote second communication terminal via a wireless communication network based on the alerting with the alarm as described on page 9, lines 17-33, through page 10, lines 1-4, of the specification.

Claims 3-5 and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by the Nokia 610 User's Guide 9351506, Issue 2 (User's Guide). These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 18, which corresponds to claim 3 and claims 19-24 which correspond to claims 4-5 and 7-10, recite a hand portable communication terminal including a clock

application controlled by the control unit and having a clock function and a reminder application which the display can present for generating the reminders wherein a reminder is an electronic message which includes a reminder time and date and a reminder text which reminds a user of the terminal that an action should be taken as indicated in the text and which causes the terminal to generate an alarm alerting the user of the terminal that an action should be taken when the time and date is reached, a text editor in which the user through the user interface enters the reminder text, and a time entry in which the user through the user interface enters the date and the time for the reminder at which time and date the reminder text is displayed by the display and an alert unit that generates an alarm when the clock reaches the entered date and time for the reminder and wherein the reminder application allows the user to transmit the reminder to a remote second communication terminal regarding the reminder via a wireless communication network. The User's Guide on page 53 describes, on lines 16-19, the generation of a reminder which contains a note and a date for setting a tone alert. However, it is submitted that this brief disclosure does not anticipate or render obvious the subject matter of claims 18-24. While the top of page 53 discusses permitting the sending of notes as a text message, it is submitted that this disclosure does not suggest the combination of a reminder and further transmitting the reminder to a remote second communication terminal via a wireless communication network based on the occurrence of alarm. The general reference to sending of a note is merely an indication of how a general text message would be sent which would not suggest to a person of ordinary skill in the art transmitting the reminder to a remote second

communication terminal via a wireless communication unit network based on the occurrence of the alarm except by impermissible hindsight.

It is noted in the Examiner's discussion that the Examiner has referred to portions of pages 53 and 54, which extend beyond the above-referenced portions of page 53 from lines 2-4 and 16-19, which pertain to the sending of a text message and sending of a reminder. The other portions do not pertain to the reminder as set forth in the claims and are therefore submitted to be subject matter which a person of ordinary skill in the art would not consider to motivate modification of the User Guide disclosure regarding reminders to arrive at the subject matter regarding the dependent claims.

Claims 11-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the User's Guide in view of United States Patent 6,167,429. These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Claims 25-29 correspond to claims 11-15 and further specify that in a hand portable communication terminal reminders are transferred via the wireless communication network including in a message according to the Smart Messaging Specification. However, as discussed above, and as recognized by the Examiner, the User Guide does not disclose that the reminders are transferred via the wireless communication network.

Mercer et al do not cure the deficiencies noted above with respect to the User's Guide. It is submitted that a person of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated by the discussion of the Smart Messaging Specification revision in column 1, lines 38-48, of Mercer to arrive at the subject matter of the rejected claims except by impermissible hindsight.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the User's Guide in view of United States Patent 6,438,217 (Huna). These grounds of rejection are traversed for the following reasons.

Claims 16 and 17, which correspond to claims 1 and 2 differ from the User's Guide for the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of claim 3 in that the User's Guide does not suggest a method of handling reminders in a portable communication terminal wherein a reminder is an electronic message which includes a reminder time and date and a reminder text which reminds a user of the terminal that an action should be taken as indicated in the text and which causes the terminal to generate an alarm alerting a user of the terminal that an action should be taken when the time and date is reached and further, transmitting the reminder to a remote second terminal via a wireless communication network based on the alarm when the real time clock has reached the reminder time.

Huna does not cure this deficiency. Huna, in Fig. 5, discloses a future message transmission system in which a message originator 502 composes a message 506 for transmission to multiple recipients. However, it is submitted that the teachings of Huna do not meet the limitation of transmitting the reminder as defined in claim 1 as an electronic message including a reminder time and a reminder text, etc. Accordingly, while Huna does suggest the transmission of originated messages to different recipients, it is submitted that Huna's teachings are not relevant to the claimed transmission of a reminder to a remote second communication terminal via a wireless communication network based on the alerting as recited in claim 16.

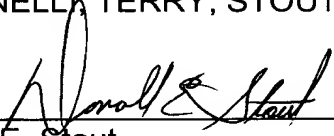
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the claims in the application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, early allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1030.40541X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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